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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8517

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AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, LA

SUBJECT: POST-PGNU PW/MIA ACTIVITIES

U/PW FOR SIEVERTS

REF: A) VIENTIANE 2886

B) VIENTIANE 7357 (OCTOBER 27, 1973)

1. IN LAST TWO DAYS, MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOUR CABLE-GRAMS FROM NORTON, KANSAS, NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAPTER AND EDITOR OF LOCAL PAPER APPLAUDING FORMATION OF LAOS COALITION GOVERNMENT AND PRESSING SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND SOUPHANOUVONG FOR INFORMATION RE HOMETOWN MIAS. IN EACH INSTANCE, CABLES WERE ADDRESSED TO EMBASSY WITH REQUEST THAT TEXT BE TRANSLATED INTO FRENCH AND DELIVERED TO LAO ADDRESSEES. EMBASSY TRANSLATED AND DELIVERED INITIAL MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL LEAGUE; HOWEVER, WE CANNOT TRANSLATE A CONTINUED FLOW OF THIS TYPE TRAFFIC. WE PRESUME THAT NOW THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED, DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO

BE RECEIVING MANY SUCH MESSAGES FROM CONCERNED FAMILIES
AND PW/MIA GROUPS.

2. I BROACHED THE PW/MIA ISSUE DURING APRIL 9 MEETING WITH
THE PRIME MINISTER (REF A) AND WAS ASSURED THAT HE WOULD
RAISE ISSUE WITH THE CABINET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PI
MAI (LUNAR NEW YEAR) HOLIDAY (APRIL 13-16). CONCURRENTLY,
I AM SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT IN HIS
NEW ROLE AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER/FOREIGN MINISTER TO
REMIND HIM OF LPF'S PROMISES RE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROTOCOL
PW/MIA PROVISIONS (REF B) AND TO PUSH FOR THE IMMEDIATE
RELEASE OF EMMET KAY. (NOTE: PHOUMI WILL ALSO PROBABLY
NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER PI MAI.) WE ALSO PLAN TO
RAISE THE PW/MIA ISSUES DURING OFFICIAL CALLS AND SOCIAL
CONTACTS WITH OTHER NEW LPF MINISTERS, AS WELL AS WITH
JNPC CHAIRMAN SOUPHANOUVONG.

3. REQUEST NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERSHIP AND NORTON, KANSAS,
LEAGUE CHAPTER BE INFORMED THAT WE ARE EXPLOITING EVERY
OPPORTUNITY TO PUSH THE JCCIA AND NEW LPF CABINET MEMBERS
TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT PROTOCOL PW/MIA PROVISIONS. IT
WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF CONCERNED GROUPS WERE REQUESTED
TO ROUTE MIA CORRESPONDENCE, ADDRESSED TO LAO OFFICIALS
VIA EMBASSY VIENTIANE, THROUGH DEPARTMENT CHANNELS, OR, AS
AN ALTERNATIVE, SEND FRENCH TEXT COMMERCIAL CABLES DIRECT
TO ADDRESSEES.
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